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"(b) The function of the Housing Advisory Committee is to advise on any problem or scheme connected with housing referred to it by the Departments of the Secretariat. It may call for information from the Departments of Secretariat and may initiate plans or policies relating to housing in the State."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government will consider the question of co-opting the members belonging to Harijan and Backward Classes to the Housing Advisory Committee? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" This Committee does not have any non-officials, Sir."

Local Fund Hospital, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 415 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposal to convert the Malabar District Board Local Fund Hospital at Payyanur into a Government Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that this hospital is serving two lakhs of people living in Payyanur and surrounding villages and the bed-strength is very small and the people are suffering for want of a Government hospital, will the Hon. Minister sympathetically consider the question of converting this Local Fund Hospital into a Government Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, all the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals in Malabar have been provincialized. The hospital under reference is not even a sub-taluk hospital and so it will have to wait."

Government breeding bulls in East Godavari district.

* 416 Q.—SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO (on behalf of Sri C. V. K. Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many breeding bulls are maintained by the Government in East Godavari district; and

(b) the cost of maintenance of such bulls per annum?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Three Murrah buffalo bulls are maintained by Government at the Veterinary Institutions, Rajahmundry, Kakinada and Amalapuram in East Godavari district.

"(b) The cost of maintenance of those bulls was Rs. 4,277 during 1951–52."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister explain what he means by breeding bulls? Are they different from stud bulls? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, Sir."